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Change in oil product prices

ORANJESTAD The Ministry of Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs announces to the general public that as of today, Wednesday, March 13, 2013, there will be changes in different oil product prices.

The price for unleadedpremium gas will be

242.0 cent per liter, an increase of 14.3 cent.

The new price for diesel LS will be 218.8 cent per liter, an increase of 8.4 cent.



The new price for kerosin will be 213.3 cent per liter, an increase of 6.9 cent.

In the new prices the BBO is already included.

US Senate panel backs tougher gun background checks

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US Senate panel voted along party lines yesterday to approve a Democratic bill requiring universal background checks for firearm sales, but passage through the full Congress will be more problematic. The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 10-8 for the bill, which would close a loophole that allows unchecked sales at gun shows and on the Internet. If passed, the measure -- seen as a key element of President Barack Obama's push to reduce weapons violence -- would result in the most substantial change to US gun legislati on in a generation. The White House hailed the background checks bill and a related school safety bill as "important measures that will help save lives."

Aruba expected to acquire 4 electric community busses





One of the important meetings held recently in Holland by Minister Obuber, is a meeting with three companies representing electric busses. The intention of the Aruba government is to purchase 4 electric busses to service our community. This electric bus project is within the context of the government's vision of a Green Aruba. The three companies who made a presentation in Holland are: E-Traction, E-Bosco and BYD. They each presented their product to the government and the Aruba delegation that included Arubus executives and WEB. Following the very detailed presentations of the different companies, E-Traction and E-Bosco invited the Aruba delegation along with some Parliamentarians for a test drive in the busses, during which they explained the technology used in these E-Busses.

The management and Board of Directors of Arubus also share this vision. They have formed an association with WEB and AIB to explore how they can acquire these electric busses. The agreement between Arubus, WEB and AIB will be beneficial to all parties. AIB will finance the busses while WEB will provide for the charging stations for the busses. WEB will give Arubus a special tariff for the electricity.

Arubus will re-charge the busses during WEB's low peak periods. In this manner WEB's production will become more constant and will produce more efficiently. In the long run, this will bring down the price for the community.

For Arubus this will mean more efficient busses. The cost of fuel will drop drastically, as well as the cost for maintenance. And, overall this will contribute to a cleaner environment in keeping with our vi-

The E-Bosco company has indicated that they will have one of their busses here on Aruba during the Europe Meets the Americas conference for display purposes. Arubus is also evaluating the need to get offers from American companies. However, one thing is certain; Aruba will have electric busses in our lineup of public transportation for this year.





Dutch Caribbean Co Guard deters illegal fishing near Saba



On Sunday, the maritime patrol aircraft Dash-8 of the Dutch Caribbean Coast Guard operating in the St. Maarten area, spotted a Venezuelan fishing vessel near Saba. International law however prevents fishing in this protected maritime nature reserve called the Saba Bank.

The Dash-8 identified several fishing lines in the water however and numerous sharks already caught, lying on deck. The Coast Guard operations center sent the patrol ship HNLMS Friesland to intercept. The Friesland carrying an embarked Coast Guard boarding team caught up with the fish-

ing vessel at sea and boarded the fisherman using its interceptor 'FRISC'. The boarding team ascertained the fisherman did not have the required permits and contacted the Public Prosecutor for Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius for deliberation. The Prosecutor decided to fine the Venezuelan fisherman for 1500 USD and ordered the Coast Guard to confiscate the fishing lines and catch.

The Dutch Caribbean Coast Guard is responsible for all maritime law enforcement in the Dutch Caribbean. The Coast Guard can be reached 24/7 on the toll free number 913.



Dutch Caribbean Coast How do you use energy at home?

TNO and University of Aruba launch national study on Energy Efficiency in Aruban Households

ORANJESTAD -Caribbean Branch Office TNO (CBOT) and the University of Aruba (UA) announced this week that they will be launching a national study on Energy Efficiency in Aruban Households. The study will be conducted in the months of March and April of this year, and includes surveys with over 2000 households across different communities and within all the districts of the island.

The sustainable energy transition Aruba is embarking on is not just a technological challenge, but also an economic, and moreover, a societal change. The purpose of this study is to gain in-depth understanding of consumers' attitudes and behaviors concerning energy efficiency adoption and usage in Aruban households. The study, entitled "Community Household Attitudes and Behaviors to Energy Efficiency Adoption", aims to provide a baseline to inform policies for energy efficiency within the community as a whole. From a more scientific level, the research project also aims to develop and validate a systemic model of energy efficiency for small island economies. CBOT's role in this effort is to be an advisor whereas the University of Aruba will be responsible for executing the study.

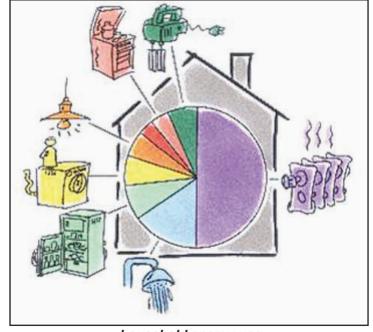
The study will be embedded with an existing framework at the 'Green' Faculty of Tourism Management and International Business Studies, under the direct supervision of Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson. With the establishment of the research chair held by Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Pe-



Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson, PhD, MSc

terson, and the subsequent UN commissioned research program on 'Sustainable Islands', sustainable island development, involving elements of society, technology, teams of students will be entering the community to collect data by means of interviews. The interviews will last approximately 30 minutes, and reflect questions about how energy is currently used in the household; what energy efficient applications are being considered and being used; what the benefits of these are, and why efficient applications, such as energy-saving lamps, inverter airco's, solar panels, etc. are adopted.

CBOT and the University of Aruba would like to take this opportunity to invite the community of Aruba to participate actively in this national effort. We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation. Should you require



household energy use

economy, environment, and policy, has become a central theme in education, research, and community services at the University of Aruba.

Equipped with a standardized questionnaire several more information on the study, please contact the University of Aruba, Prof. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson at e-mail ryan.peterson@ua.aw.



Tropical Bottling Co. announces Sunday's national concert





On Flag and Anthem Day Aruba will be celebrating this with a grand musical celebration and other festive activities. A special agenda of activities have been designed outlining all activities for the weekend of March 18.

The celebration will include cultural, musical, and social and sports activities to be held between Friday 15 to March 18th. With respect to the grand concert to take place on Sunday the 17th on the Plaza Betico Croes, there will also be the different tents selling food, drinks, art work and local handcraft.

- 1. The National Day Celebration Committee agreed to a joint venture with the Tropical Bottling Company. Tropical Bottling Company is the official agent for Coca Cola, Sprite and other colorful drinks, as well as for Malta Balashi, Balashi Beer and Chill. This national company will be present on the Plaza Betico Croes with their many products to support our local talent and promote our culture.
- 2. Marketing Manager of Tropical Bottling Company, Vanessa Hollander expressed her delight that her company will be part of this magna celebration. Hollander also took the

opportunity to share with us who will be the many artists to participate in the concert:

- Thais Franken (soprano), Solaica Clarinda (mezzo soprano) and Felix Rojas (composer) with the song "Cu gradicimento," which is a danza. Musical arrangement for the orchestra is by Carlos Bislip.
- Angelo Koolman with the song "O ki mainta mas bunita" (wals). Together with Richard Dabian and Mirto Tromp, Angelo will interpret his song to the composition of Rufo Odor and lyrics by Ernesto Rosenstand. Arrangement will be by Franklin Granadillo.
- Nicole de Kort, Gisela Trimon and Mireille Sint Jago with the song "Ayera, Pakico and Fo'I dia m'a mirabo" (bolero). These three songs are compositions of Pad Lampe, and arranged by Franklin Granadillo.
- Trio Los Arubeños, formed by guitarists and singers Rey Lampe, Fortunato Werleman and Mario Croes. Accompanied by the great orchestra they will sing a wals, "Naturaleza." The arrangement will be by Ivan Quandus.
- Bertha Wolff and Ailene Croes will interpret a chachacha. The sisters will sing a composition by Ailene, 'Forsa di amor,' arranged by Federico Martis.
- Dorothy Lacle and Mirto Tromp. They will sing two compositions, "Den brisanan di atardi," and 'Den bo brasanan fuerte", a bolero, of Rufo Odor with lyrics by Ernesto Rosenstand, and arranged for orchestra by Ivan Quandus.
- Vicky Arends, Veloushka Krozendijk and Richard Dabian. Vicky will sing a tumba 'Boca di Tribon' a com-

position of Padu Lampe. Veloushka will sing a composition by Bernadina Growell 'Cos dushi', a tambu and Richard Dabian, will interpret a tumba 'Jaloers.'...a composition by Lilia Luidens. Arrangement of these songs is by Federico Martis.

- Gabriela Krosendijk will interpret a lovely bolero 'Pakico', composed by her father Don Ramon Krosendijk, and arranged by Delbert Bernabela.
- Jelitza Croes and Michelangelo Koolman. Together they will present a composition by Angelo 'Bida 'n ta largo,' a fusion of danza. Arrangement by Ivan Quandus.
- Rachel Kraaijvanger will be participating with her song 'Amanece' by Maybelline Arends and arranged by Delbert Bernabela.
- Edjean Semeleer will sing a classic by Don Ramon Krosendijk, a lovely waltz 'Cunucu di Seit', arranged by Delbert Bernabela.
- Robert Maduro will present his composition 'Mi cultura tin un co', arranged by Federico Martis.
- Casin Giel will interpret his composition 'Mi sa', a bolero arranged by Franklin Granadillo
- Jossy Brokke Jr. will sing his own composition, Juan del diablo, arranged by Franklin Granadillo.
- Sharon Rose will sing a composition by Toti Arends with lyrics by Hubert Booi, a waltz 'Mi mester di bo'. Arranged by Franklin Granadillo.
- Jack Tromp will sing one of his own compositions, a waltz 'Kico a pasa', arranged

by Franklin Granadillo.

- Ted Philips will interpret a composition by Padu Lampe, 'Mi n' sa', song in the form of a calypso. Arrangement by Franklin Granadillo.
- Robert Jeand'or will interpret the song "Mi soño, which is a merengue arranged by Franklin Granadillo.

This musical celebration promises to be nothing less

than tremendous with a variation of never before heard musical pieces. Tropical Bottling and the organizing committee are inviting the entire community to come out and participate in the activities of our national month. You are especially invited to the magna concert on the Plaza Betico Croes in the Vondellaan on Sunday, March 17th





A golden anniversary celebration of Venezuela opposition TV **Temple Beth Israel**



Aruba's small Jewish community gathered at their only synagogue in Oranjestad on Saturday evening, March 9, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of their house of worship, Temple Beth Israel.

Temple board member Martha Lichtenstein welcomed the community to the newly refreshed and renovated synagogue, sporting a new decorative window and enlarged social hall. She presented a gift from the congregation to Carolina Zapata, who was project manager for the very attractive refurbishment of the sanctuary and social

"I think many of us used to watch a TV program called "Cheers," Martha told the gathering, "a place "where everybody knew your name." This is how I feel about Beth Israel; a place where we get to-



gether as a spiritual family, not only to pray, but to also support each other, share happy moments, lend a helping hand and comfort those who may need

"Almostnone of the



founders of Beth Israel are still with us. If they could see us, perhaps they would be surprised to hear the different melodies for the familiar songs of the service, and astonished to see women being called to the bimah and reading from the Torah, as full participants and pillars of our congregation."

"Those previous generations planted the tree with love

> and we have been nurturing it with care and resolution" she continued. "Now the tree has strong roots and it bears sweet fruits. The challenges have been numerous, but so have been the rewards."

"For a number of reasons we have not

grown in numbers, but we have gained in closeness and in the intimacy that a small congregation brings. We have put our community, that always felt isolated, in the map of small congregations in the area with the creation of the Union of Jewish Congregations of Latin America and the Caribbean... We even hosted one of their Encounters with a parallel Youth Encounter, in

Mrs. Lichenstein concluded

by informing the congregation that it is "essential we imbue our spiritual home with inner life. With the arrival of Rabbi Kripper in two weeks, I am sure we'll be inspired to be creative in our projects and launch a new ear community

building."

The temple and rabbi's residence was built on land donated by the Hochman Family. It is believe the first service in the new synagogue was conducted in November of 1962. Saturday's celebration demonstrated the diversity of the community, organized by Sabrina Sonenshin, a member of the youngest generations. It was a lovely, congenial affair enjoyed by all ages; a reaffirmation of community and caring.

Temple Beth Israel maintains a blog, discussing issues that concern Jewish congregations around the world, but particularly those of a small outpost like Aruba. It also has posted a full schedule of upcoming services, including the special events of high holidays. Visitors are welcome to view upcoming events at http://bethisrael-aruba.blog spot.com.

Rosalie Klein

channel says accepts buyout offer

CARACAS - Venezuelan opposition TV channel Globovision said yesterday it had accepted a buyout offer, calling its operations financially and politically unfeasible after rows with the government and high inflation.

The sale of Globovision, the only openly anti-government media channel, will occur after an April presidential election. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Globovision's majority owner, Guillermo Zuloaga, said the group buying the channel was led by Juan Domingo Cordero, who runs an insurance company and is a former head of the local stock exchange.

"We are economically inviable, because our revenues no longer cover our cash needs," Zuloaga said in a statement.

"We are politically unfeasible, because we are in a totally polarized country and against a powerful government that wants to see us fail."

Zuloaga said the company was suffering from a revenue shortfall, rising prices, and costly efforts to try to help the opposition win last year's pre-

Zuloaga added that there were also doubts about whether it could get its concession renewed after legal tangles with the government.

Globovision clashed frequently with Chavez's government. The station's owners, Guillermo Zuloaga and Nelson Mezerhane in 2010 sought asylum in the U.S. after saying they would be subject to discrimination if they returned. Zuloaga was charged by authorities with hoarding vehicles at one of his homes in Caracas.

Globovision in 2011 was fined \$2.2 million for its coverage of prison riots. The channel exaggerated the riots by only broadcasting the opinions of mothers and wives outside the prison who feared their relatives were being massacred by the National Guard, the telecommunications regulator said. Globovision denied the charges.

Castillo said the channel will continue with its editorial line until after the elections.

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Britain tells Argentina to respect Falklands vote

LONDON (AFP) - British Prime Minister David Cameron yesterday urged Argentina to respect the wishes of the Falkland Islanders after they voted overwhelmingly in a referendum to remain a British territory.

A near unanimous 99.8 percent of the 1,672 eligible voters in the disputed South Atlantic archipelago voted "yes", according to official results, with a 92 percent turnout.

Only three of the 1,517 valid ballots were cast against staying an internally self-governing British territory.

The islanders organised the vote in response to increasingly bellicose sovereignty demands by Argentine President Cristina Kirchner.

Her government dismissed the referendum as meaningless and said it would not affect its claims on the Falklands, which it failed to seize back from Britain in a brief but bloody war in 1982.

The announcement of the result overnight Monday sparked jubilation in the islands' tiny capital Stanley, and Cameron said he was "over the moon" at the outcome.

"The Falkland Islanders couldn't have spoken more clearly. They want to remain British and that view should be respected by everybody, including by Argentina," he said.

Cameron, who later telephoned the chairman of the islands' legislative assembly to congratulate him on the result, also warned against any military action by Argentina.

"People should know we will always be there to defend them," he said.

Barry Elsby, a member of the legislative assembly, told AFP from Stanley as the numbers came in that the result "sends a message around the world."

"There are hundreds of people outside the cathedral, celebrating, singing and waving flags."

International observers from Canada, Chile, Mexico, New Zealand, Paraguay, the United States and Uruguay monitored the referendum on Sunday and Monday and declared it "free and fair".

Argentina however insisted that the vote in the islands it calls "Las Malvinas" was meaningless.

Alicia Castro, Argentina's

ambassador to London, said it was a "ploy" to detract from the "weakness" of Britain's claims.

"It's a very predictable result, because the current inhabitants of the Malvinas are British. But the territory in which they live is not," she said

She earlier dismissed the vote as "a manoeuvre with no legal value, which has neither been convened nor supervised by the United Nations."

Kirchner was not expected to comment on the result, an Argentine foreign ministry source told AFP.

Falklanders hope the referendum result will arm them with an unambiguous message to take to other capitals when pressing their case for acceptance on the international stage.

The United States, for example, has studiously avoided taking sides on the issue despite its close ties with Britain.

But international reaction to the vote was almost non-existent

The referendum had sparked huge enthusiasm among the Falkland Islands' 2,563 permanent residents.

Image of Ahmadinejad consoling Chavez's mother angers Iranian clerics



Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is under fire from the country's clerics over a photo of him consoling the mother of Hugo Chavez at the late Venezuelan leader's funeral—physical contact that's considered a sin under Iran's strict Islamic codes.

The photo, released by Venezuela's Miraflores Press Office, shows Elena Frías' right hand clutching Ahmadinejad's left, her head against his, as they stand near the flag-draped coffin of her son at a military academy in Caracas, Venezuela, on Friday.

The image drew the imme-

diate fury of Tehran's religious conservatives. "No unrelated women can be touched unless she is drowning at sea or needs medical treatment," Hojat al-Islam Hossein Ibrahimi, a cleric at the Society of Militant Clergy, said, according to Iran's Al-Monitor.

Some of Ahmadinejad's supporters insisted the image was fake, digitally altered from a different photo showing the Iranian leader embracing an older man.

But as The New York Times noted, the man-hug image was quickly debunked as a Photoshop job:



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

'Lonesome George' tortoise goes to New York for embalming



QUITO (AFP) - The body of "Lonesome George," a giant Galapagos tortoise once believed to be the last of its kind, has been sent to New York to be embalmed and then returned home, the Galapagos National Park said yesterday.

A rare Pinta Island giant tortoise, George died June 24, 2012 at an estimated 100 years of age.

At the time, he was believed to be the last of the Pinta Island tortoises, but scientists have since found at least 17



DO NOT Exceed Speed Limit other Galapagos tortoises with similar genetic traits to George, raising hopes for keeping the endangered species going.

His remains were flown Monday night to New York where the Museum of Natural History will preserve him with a taxidermic procedure that will take eight to nine months to complete.

The body will then be returned to the Galapagos and put on display at a museum in the location where he was first discovered in 1971.

Giant tortoises have life spans of up to 180 years, growing to 1.8 meters (five feet nine inches) long and nearly 400 kilograms (880 pounds) in weight.

British naturalist Charles Darwin, who visited the Galapagos in 1835, looked to its tortoises as he developed his theory of natural selection.

The islands, which are 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) off Ecuador's Pacific coast, are famed for the large number of species that have developed there in isolation.

Palace: UK queen cancels more events through illness

LONDON (AFP) - Britain's Queen Elizabeth II will miss two more events this week despite making a good recovery from an illness that saw her hospitalised last week, Buckingham Palace said yesterday.

The 86-year-old was unable to attend the Commonwealth Day service in London's Westminster Abbey on Monday as she was still suffering symptoms of gastroenteritis.

She was admitted to hospital for the first time in 10 years last week and was discharged after an overnight stay.

"The Queen continues to make a good recovery following her recent illness, and today she presented The Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry and held a series of Audi-



ences," Buckingham Palace said in a statement.

But it added that "regrettably" she would no longer attend an engagement at the so-called Tech City area of London today or the Soldiers' and Airmen's Scriptures Association Service at the Guards Chapel tomorrow.

"Her Majesty will, however, continue with the usual rhythm of business at Buckingham Palace, including holding a Privy Council meeting tomorrow," the palace said.

"The Queen hopes to resume her program of official engagements next week."

The palace had said on Monday that she hoped to be able to attend some other events this week.

Her second son Prince Andrew will represent her at today's event while her 91-year-old husband Prince Philip will stand in for her tomorow, the palace said.

Secret tape of US private in WikiLeaks case released

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A group pressing for more open government yesterday flouted a military ban to release a secretly-recorded audio of testimony by US Army private Bradley Manning, accused of leaking war files.

It marks the first time since Manning was arrested in May 2010 that the world has heard his voice as he awaits trial for giving classified material on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars to the WikiLeaks whistle-blower website

Reporters covering a series of pre-trial hearings being held at a military tribunal at Fort Meade in Maryland have been explicitly barred from making any video or audio recordings or from taking photographs of Manning.

"We hope this recording will shed light on one of the most secret court trials in recent history," the Freedom of Press Foundation (FPF) said in a statement, as it published the audio-file on its website.

"We wish to make sure that the voice of this generation's most prolific whistleblower can be heard -literally -- by the world."

The tape was made during a nearly hour-long statement last month, when Manning in a firm and assured voice explained he leaked some 70,000 files on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in order to start a "public debate."

When he deployed to Iraq he found himself alienated from his comrades and at odds with an army that "seemed not to value human life," he told the hearing.

In the audio, he is heard telling the hearing "it burdens me emotionally" that he witnessed a video of US soldiers in Baghdad celebrating as they gunned down what turned out to be civilians including two journalists.

"The most alarming aspect of the video to me, however, was the seemingly delightful bloodlust they appeared to have," Manning says of the video which caused a storm when it was released to the world by WikiLeaks.

He compares the soldiers "to a child torturing ants with a magnifying glass."

The 25-year-old, who is being held in military custody pending trial, said he would plead guilty to 10 of the less serious of the 22 charges against him, but would deny aiding America's enemies, a crime which carries a life sentence.

The court has agreed to accept his plea on the lesser allegations -- under which Manning faces 20 years in military custody. But the prosecution still intends to pursue the 12 remaining charges.

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New drug said to reduce heart damage during surgery

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A single dose of an experimental anti-inflammatory treatment reduces heart muscle damage during an angioplasty operation to open blocked arteries, a study found.

The antibody inclacumab, developed by Swiss lab Hoffmann-La Roche, significantly reduced levels of the standard molecular markers troponin I and CK-MB in patients, compared to those who took a placebo in a clinical trial.

Patients who received the inclacumab dose saw troponin I levels drop 22.4 percent more after 16 hours and 24.4 percent after more at 24 hours (p=0.05), compared with patients on a placebo.

CK-MB levels dropped 16.3 percent more after 16 hours and 17.4 percent more at 24 hours, compared with patients on placebo.

The phase II trial examined 530 patients with a median age of 61 experiencing a type of heart attack called non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction or NSTEMI.

Patients were randomized to receive an infusion of inclacumab of 20 milligrams per kilogram, five milligrams per kilogram or a placebo one hour before angioplasty.

The researchers also found that 24 hours after angioplasty, 18.3 percent of patients on the placebo had CK-MB increases more than three times the upper limit of normal.

Many clinical trials define that threshold as the onset of a post-angioplasty heart attack.

But only 8.9 percent of patients who received the higher dose of inclacumab experienced those same CK-MB increases.

"If we're able to confirm these results in potential future studies, this drug could become part of the therapeutic armamentarium in modern cardiology," Tardif said in a statement.

"You could use this drug more widely, in all patients coming in with heart attacks, although that would require additional large studies."

More than a million coronary angioplasty procedures are performed in the United States each year, costing more than \$10 billion.

Angioplasty can damage heart tissue, which can trigger a need for more procedures, poor outcomes and higher health care costs.

During angioplasty, surgeons insert a balloon catheter to mechanically widen narrowed or obstructed arteries.

French panel against 'sex assistants' for disabled

PARIS (AFP) - An ethics panel in France on Tuesday opposed the use of so-called sexual assistants for the disabled, an issue sparked by a true-to-life film recounting the experiences of a handicapped man.

The National Consultative Ethics Committee (CCNE), which advises the government on health issues, said it saw too great a risk of abuse to back "professional" use of sex helpers.

Several associations are lobbying for law changes so that people can legally offer sexual services for the handicapped, and even to have these services reimbursed by the welfare state.

Their campaign has been inspired by experiences in Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands and Switzerland, and by a Hollywood film, "The Sessions," which portrays the sexual awakening of a 38-year-old paralysed man and his relationship with his sex therapist.

It recommended that carers be trained in the sexual needs and dignity of the disabled.

"This training must have a technical aspect, for example facilitating physical relationships between handicapped people or access to mechanical means of sexual satisfaction," the panel said.

Health & Living

Interpol deal with drug firms to fight fake medicines

LYON (AFP) - Interpol on Tuesday announced a deal with the world's top pharmaceutical companies to fight fake drugs which threaten the health of millions, especially in poor countries.

Twenty-nine leading companies have pledged 4.5 million euros (\$5.9 million) over three years to improve the fight against the counterfeit industry, boost public awareness and crack down on illegal manufacturers.

"With no country, no drug, no medical product immune from counterfeiting, a global effort is needed to combat this threat which puts the lives of millions of people at risk every single day," said Interpol Secretary General Ronald K. Noble.

Others highlighted the po-

tentially deadly hazards of fake medicines.

"In the case of drug counterfeiting, it can mean the difference between life and death for a patient," said Christopher Viehbacher, the head of French drug firm Sanofi.

According to the World Health Organisation more than 50 percent of medicines bought online have been found to be fake.

Counterfeit cough syrup and other medicines laced with diethylene glycol have caused eight mass poisonings around the world including in 2006 in Panama where more than 100 people died, many of them children, an Interpol statement said.

In 2012, some 109 heart patients in Pakistan died after taking fake medicine, it added.



Studies have found that people who eat high fiber legumes like lentils have a much reduced risk of heart disease. The high levels of folate and magnesium in lentils also go a long way in protecting the heart. -Due to their high fiber content, lentils help in regulating blood sugar by providing steady, slow-burning energy and balancing blood sugar levels. - Lentils are loaded with iron and are a great way to replenish the body's iron stores, especially for people who don't eat red meat like vegans and vegetarians. - Lentils are a great source of B vitamins, most notably folate and niacin (B3). B vitamins are important for the healthy functioning of the nervous, digestive, and immune systems. - Lentils are a great cholesterol lowering food due to their high levels of fiber. -Protein makes up 26% of the calories in lentils and they have the third highest level of protein than any other plant food. It's no wonder that they're a staple in many parts of the world.





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Sci-Tech

Scientists used iPhone to diagnose intestinal worms

WASHINGTON(AFP) - Scientists used an iPhone and a camera lens to diagnose intestinal worms in rural Tanzania, a breakthrough that could help doctors treat patients infected with the parasites.

Research published by the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene showed that it is possible to fashion a low-cost field microscope using an iPhone, double-sided tape, a flashlight, ordinary laboratory slides and an \$8 cameral lens.

The researchers used their cobbled-together microscope to successfully determine the presence of eggs from hookworm and other parasites in the stool of infected children.

Intestinal worms infect two billion people around the world, mainly children, sometimes causing malnutrition. The malady can be difficult to diagnose, in part because of the high cost of a conventional microscope, which is priced at around \$200.

Scientists used the cell phone microscopes to evaluate some 200 stool samples from rural children infected with intestinal worms, and compared the results against findings obtained using a conventional microscope.

They found overall that the iPhone microscope was able to detect the presence of eggs deposited by worms in about 70 percent of the infected samples.

Although not as sensitive as the conventional device, the iPhone microscope can be made much more sensitive with refinements, Bogoch said.

The researchers also pointed out that almost all medical staff already possess a cell phone, so the cost for a microscope cobbled together using the iPhone is deemed negligible compared to the cost for a conventional one.

Intestinal worms such as hookworms and roundworms, also known as soil-transmitted helminths, are particularly problematic in young children, hindering their physical and mental development by causing chronic anemia and malnutrition.

If quickly diagnosed, however, the negative health impact of the parasites can be greatly reduced.

PARIS (AFP) - France's telecommunications monitor Arcep said Tuesday it had asked prosecutors to launch a probe into Microsoft subsidiary Skype for failing to register as a telecommunications firm despite several reminders. Under French law, a telecommunications operator does not need administrative authorisation but only has to make a "prior declaration," Arcep said. However failure to comply with the law is a criminal offence. Arcep said it had asked Skype to declare itself "an electronic communications operator" but it had failed to do so. An Arcep statement said Skype should register as a telecommunications service as it provided "French Internet users with services that allow them to make phone calls to or from a device connected to the Internet... in France or elsewhere in the world." As a regular telecoms service provider, Skype would have to undertake certain obligations, including routing emergency calls and allow legal wire-tapping. The latest move comes at a bad time for Microsoft. The European Union fined Microsoft 561 million euros (\$730 million) earlier this month for failing to provide customers with a choice of Internet browser, as promised.



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Late-winter snowstorm batters northwestern Europe

PARIS (AFP) - A heavy latewinter snowstorm battered northwestern Europe on Tuesday, causing widespread travel chaos with the cancellation of hundreds of flights, suspension of train services and huge traffic jams.

The unseasonable snowfall -- coming only eight days before the official start of spring -- also knocked out power to thousands of people in France and left hundreds of motorists stranded in their cars.

France was worst affected but Germany, Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands also reported major disruptions.

Frankfurt Airport, Europe's third-busiest hub, had only one runway open for takeoffs on Tuesday afternoon, after being briefly forced to completely close due to the heavy snow.

An airport spokesman said 335 flights had been cancelled out of a scheduled daily total of 1,250.



The Eurostar train between London and Paris, the Thalys line between Paris and Brussels and all other high-speed train lines in northern France were suspended until at least Wednesday.

Nearly a third of France's regions were on alert and the government activated a ministerial crisis group.

Weather service Meteo France described the snowfall as "remarkable for the season" and warned that alerts would probably remain in place until at least Wednesday. More than 2,000 people

were stranded in their cars overnight as heavy snow paralysed roads in Normandy and Brittany, with many spending the night in emergency shelters.

About 80,000 homes in the north and northwest of France were without power, following snowfalls of up to 30 centimetres (12 inches) and winds creating metre-high snowdrifts. Schools in some northern regions were closed.

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White House: Republican budget 'doesn't add up'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House warned Tuesday that a new Republican budget plan did not add up, would hike taxes on the middle class or fail to cut the deficit and would be sure to hurt healthcare for the elderly.

The Republican blueprint was unveiled as both sides make opening gambits in a new budget showdown which will be highlighted as Obama mounts a charm offensive with visits to Democratic and Republican lawmakers this week.

"While the House Republican budget aims to reduce the deficit, the math just doesn't add up," President Barack Obama's spokesman Jay Carney said.

"By choosing to give the wealthiest Americans a new tax cut, this budget as written will either fail to achieve any meaningful deficit reduction, raise taxes on middle class families by more than \$2,000 - or both."

Carney said in a statement that the budget, framed by powerful Republican congressman Paul Ryan, would not close tax loopholes for the wealthy but make deep cuts to education and research.

He also said that the Republican approach would turn Medicare, the popular health insurance program for the elderly, into a voucher system -- an approach Democrats say would lead to benefits falling way behind healthcare costs.

Ryan, the Republican party's 2012 vice-presidential candi-

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date, said his budget would alleviate the "crushing burden" of debt that is threatening America's future and would cut \$4.6 trillion in spending.

It contains no new tax revenue and demands massive spending cuts, as well as major changes to cherished social programs like Medicare and Medicaid, in a bid to balance the budget within a decade.

Ryan on Tuesday described his plan as an "invitation to the president of the United States and to Senate Democrats, to come together to fix these problems."

Carney's comments, while excoriating the Ryan plan, also held out the chance for cooperation between Republicans and Democrats, while restating Obama's bottom line that more revenues as well as spending cuts are necessary.

Obama, will visit Democratic senators, today to meet the House Republican lawmakers. He is due on Thursday to have separate chats with Senate Republicans and House Democrats.

Android gains as small tablet sales soar

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Small tablet computers are marketplace hits, with economically-priced devices powered by Google's Android software taking share from Apple iPads, according to International Data Corporation. nternational Data Corporation on Tuesday increased its tablet market forecast for this year to 190.9 million and said that it expected the figure to be closer to 350 million by the end of the year 2017. Android-powered tablets expanded their share of the market "notably" last year and that trend is expected to continue, according to IDC. IDC predicted that the Android share of the market would rise to 48.8 percent this year while sales of iPads would slip five percent to 46 percent. Tablets running on Microsoft Windows software were expected to make slow gains in the market, growing from a one percent share last year to 7.4 percent in the year 2017, according to IDC. The growing popularity of lowcost tablets is damaging prospects for sales of dedicated e-readers, with sales expected to grow only modestly over the next two years before going into permanent decline, according to IDC.

STANDARD &POOR'S 500

--- The S&P 500 ended lower on Tuesday, Dow closes flat, breaking a seven-day string of gains as investors pulled back from technology and financial shares. The Dow Jones industrial average .DJI rose just 2.77 points, or 0.02 percent, to end unofficially at 14,450.06. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index .SPX slipped 3.74 points, or 0.24 percent, to finish unofficially at 1,552.48. The Nasdaq Composite Index .IXIC fell 10.55 points, or 0.32 percent, to close unofficially at 3,242.32.

Venezuelan oil will continue to flow to US: energy official

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CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela will continue to supply oil to the United States, despite the tit-for-tat expulsions of diplomats by Caracas and Washington, the country's oil minister said in an interview published Tuesday.

The United States is biggest oil customer for Venezuela, which supplies about 10 percent of the oil consumed by its neighbor to the north.

But the two countries have long had frosty relations, and have not had ambassadors in their respective capitals since 2010

"The only thing we would

say to the Americans is, they'd better not interfere in our affairs," the minister warned Tuesday.

Ramirez added that Venezuela's vital energy sector remains "stable" despite the death last week of President Hugo Chavez.

Venezuela has the world's largest proven oil reserves, according to OPEC.

The government says Venezuela produces three million barrels of oil per day, although OPEC says the figure is 2.3 million. Oil production accounts for 90 percent of the country's hard-currency revenue.

Google fined \$7 million over hotspot data grab

NEW YORK (AFP) - Google agreed to pay a \$7 million fine in the United States for stealthily collecting data from private Wi-Fi hotspots in a mapping service slip that irked an array of countries.

In a legal settlement with attorneys general in 38 states, the Internet giant also agreed to ramp up employee training about data privacy and back a nationwide campaign to teach people about securing wireless networks.

Word that vehicles snapping panoramic photos in neighborhoods for Street View images in Google's online maps were grabbing data from unsecured hotspots triggered investigations in at least a dozen countries, according to the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC).

At least nine countries have found Google violated local laws, said EPIC. In the settlement announced on Tuesday, Google again promised that email, passwords, web histories and other data captured by Street View vehicles in the United States between 2008 and 2010 will be destroyed.

Nonprofit group Consumer Watchdog dismissed the fine and conditions in the agreement as insignificant for the multibillion-dollar company.

"The \$7 million penalty is pocket change for Google," said Consumer Watchdog privacy project director John Simpson. "Asking Google to educate consumers about privacy is like asking the fox to teach the chickens how to ensure the security of their coop."

Street View, which was launched in 2006, lets users view panoramic street scenes on Google Maps and take a virtual "walk" through cities such as New York, Paris or Hong Kong.



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CHAJNANTOR PLATEAU (AFP)- View of a Radio telescope antennas of the ALMA (AtacamaLarge Millimeter/submillimeter Array) project, in the Chajnantor plateau, Atacama desert, some 1500 km north of Santiago, on March 12,2013. The ALMA, an international partnership project of Europe, North America and East Asia with the cooperation of Chile, is presently the largest astronomical project in the world. Today will be open 59 high precision antennas, located at 5000 of altitude in the extremely arid Atacama desert.



PORT -AU-PRINCE (AFP) - Former US President Bill Clinton with an agricultural investment delegation visiting Sisal Company yesterday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Cardinals begin papal election with inconclusive vote



VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Cardinals held a first inconclusive vote in the Sistine Chapel on Tuesday as they began the process of electing a successor to Benedict XVI, with tens of thousands of people packed into St Peter's Square to watch the time-honoured tradition.

The crowd cheered as black

no pope had been elected.

The eyes of the world will

smoke billowed into the night air above the Vatican from a thin copper chimney on the chapel's roof, indicating that

be fixed on the chimney in the coming days for the smoke signals sent out twice daily -white smoke will indicate that

a new leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics has been cho-

The 115 cardinals filed past Swiss Guards into the chapel earlier on Tuesday chanting the Latin hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus" ("Come Creator Spirit") to ask for divine guidance after Benedict's troubled eight-year papacy.

The scarlet-robed "Princes of the Church" swore on the Bible never to reveal the secrets of their deliberations or face being cast out of the Church, before the chapel's heavy wooden doors swung shut to indicate the lock-in had begun.

The chapel has been swept for bugs and installed with jamming devices to prevent electronic communications, leaving cardinals entirely cut off from the outside world behind the Vatican's walls until they have elected a new pontiff.

At an extravagant pre-conclave mass in St Peter's Basilica the cardinals prayed for unity in the Church -- a stark reminder of the infighting that often overshadowed Benedict's eight-year reign.



BOGOTA (AFP) - : Colombian soldiers victims of landmines, participate in the "Race of Heroes", which seeks to raise funds for soldiers and police officers wounded in combat, in Bogota Sunday.



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - US swimmer Michael Phelps (L) chats with children of the Rocinha shantytown by the pool of the favela's sport complex in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on Monday.







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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's clasic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -"Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted

Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, from 11:00 am to 11:00pm,

Telf: 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas, The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management depart ment. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www. goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



Sport

Football: Barcelona through to Champions League quarters



BARCELONA (AFP) - Lionel Messi produced an inspired performance as Barcelona progressed to the quarter-finals of the Champions League on Tuesday, beating AC Milan 4-0 to overturn a 2-0 first-leg defeat.

Messi's form had been questioned by some after Barcelona were knocked out of the Copa del Rey by Real Madrid and looked demoralised in going down to Milan at the San Siro, but the criticism seemed to spur him on as he tore the Italians apart from the start.

He scored at the beginning and end of the first half, while David Villa hit a special goal for himself 10 minutes in the second period after a long run of bad luck with injury and form.

That put the Catalans ahead in the tie for the first time, before Jordi Alba netted in injury-time to seal a 4-2 aggregate win and a place in Friday's quarter-final draw.

On a personal level, Messi's brace saw him reach yet another landmark in an incredible career.

He now has 58 Champions League goals, two more than Ruud van Nistelrooy, and his target now is Raul's all-time best of 71. Before the game, it was a question of which out-of-form strikers would play with Messi in attack, and in the end Pedro Rodriguez was chosen along with Villa.

Baseball: Champs Japan beat Dutch to qualify top

TOKYO (AFP) - Captain Shinnosuke Abe fired two home runs in the same inning Tuesday as two-time defending champions Japan beat the Netherlands 10-6 to gain an edge for the World Baseball Classic's final round.

Abe added four runs in the second inning as Japan came back from 0-1 down to seize control 8-1. They then halted a late Dutch comeback when Hisayoshi Chono's single earned two runs in the bottom of the eighth.

The result means Japan qualify top for this month's semi-finals in San Francisco, and will play a runner-up team, while the surprise-package Netherlands will face a pool winner.



Japan's Shinnosuke Abe (R) is congratulated by teammate Hirokazu Ibata (L) as he makes his second homer in the second inning

Japan lost to Cuba in their last game of round one but they have now won three in a row to raise hopes of a third straight title. The Netherlands have reached the final round for the first time after upset wins over Cuba and South Korea.

The Dutch got off to a flying start when opening batter Andrelton Simmons hit a solo home run to open the scoring in the first inning.

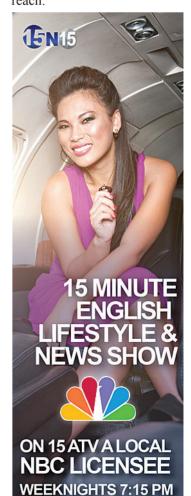
But Japan quickly levelled it 1-1 thanks to Abe's solo homer in the second. Nobuhiro Matsuda hit a single for 2-1, Chono hit a three-run single for a 5-1 and Abe fired a three-run homer to stretch the lead to 8-1.

Xander Bogaerts hit an infield single to pull one back for the Netherlands for 2-8 in the seventh inning, and then Randolph Oduber added another run with a sacrifice fly to the right field for 3-8.

Curt Smith added another run while he grounded out to the short for 4-8, Kalian Sams made it 5-8 by hitting a single to the centre and Quintin De Cuba cracked another single for 6-8.

But in the bottom of the eighth, Chono's single to the

left to gave Japan two more runs to consolidate their victory and take the game out of



Boxing: Japan's Uchiyama, Kono to defend WBA titles



TOKYO (AFP) - The World Boxing Association (WBA) super featherweight champion Takashi Uchiyama and super flyweight champion Kohei Kono will defend their titles in May, their gym said on Monday. The two bouts will take place in Tokyo on May 6. It will be Uchiyama's seventh defence of the title he wrested from Juan Carlos Salgado of Mexico in January 2010. Uchiyama, unbeaten at 19 wins, including 16 KOs and one draw, will take on 10th-ranked Jaider Parra of Venezuela. Kono will fight against interim champion Liborio Solis of Venezuela, ranked top in the WBA, in his first defence after a knockout victory over then title-holder Tepparith Kokietgym of Thailand in December last year. Kono has a record of 21 wins, including 13 KOs, against three defeats.



NBA: Curry powers Warriors past Knicks, Spurs rebound from stinging loss to top Thunder

OAKLAND (AFP) - Stephen Curry scored 26 points as the Golden State Warriors rolled to a 92-63 win Monday over the New York Knicks, who got their leading scorer back.

Klay Thompson scored 23 points, while David Lee recorded a double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Warriors, who avenged a loss to the Knicks at Madison Square Garden on February 27.

New York star forward Carmelo Anthony returned from a knee injury that saw him miss three National Basketball Association games. But he struggled Monday, hitting just

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four-of-15 shots to finish with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Knicks had won three of four games coming in, but shot a NBA season-low 27 percent from the field against the Warriors.

In San Antonio, The San Antonio Spurs won the battle of the Western Conference heavyweights Monday, bouncing back from a embarrassing 30-point loss Friday to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 105-93.

Tiago Splitter was one of a half dozen Spurs' players who reached double figures in Monday's clash between the two top clubs in the West.

Kenyon Knicks d Warriors

Splitter also grabbed 10 rebounds, while Kawhi Leonard had 17 and Danny Green had 16 points for the Spurs, who rebounded from Friday's 30-point hammering against the Portland Trail Blazers, 136-106.

Tim Duncan finished with 13 points and eight rebounds, Manu Ginobili scored 12 points and Boris Diaw added 11 as the Spurs closed out a six-game home stand at the AT&T Center arena with four wins and two losses.

The National Basketball Association's leading scorer Kevin Durant finished with a game-high 26 points and Russell Westbrook had 25 points, six rebounds and a half dozen assists for Oklahoma City, who had their five-game winning streak snapped.



ers who reached **Kenyon Martin #3 of the New York** double figures in **Knicks dunks against the Golden State** Monday's clash be- **Warriors**

San Antonio improved to 49-15 and now have a two game lead on the Thunder (47-17) for first place in the West standings. Miami leads the Eastern Conference with a 47-14 record as they are riding an 18-game win streak.

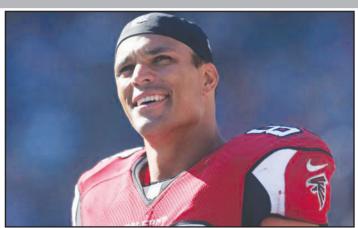
The Spurs shot a scorching 59 percent from the field, including four-of-seven from beyond the arc, in the opening half to seize a 57-50 lead at halftime.

The Spurs are now an impressive 26-4 at home this season. One more victory and they will record 50 wins for the 14th straight season.

Oklahoma City was coming off a 91-79 win over the Boston Celtics and have now lost just two of their last 10 games.

The teams split their first two meetings this season with the host team now having won each of the three contests.

Tony Gonzalez in for a 17th NFL season.



-- The most productive tight end in the history of the NFL is officially putting off retirement for one more season.

Tony Gonzalez told FOX Sports in an exclusive interview that he has informed the Atlanta Falcons he is coming back and the two sides are on the verge of a new contract that will put him back with Matt Ryan and company for one more run.

"After discussing it with my family and really, truly struggling with this decision, I informed the Falcons that I would like to return for one more shot," Gonzalez told FOX Sports after meeting with doctors in order to get medical clearance. "Considering how this season ended, I wanted to give it another run with Matt (Ryan), Smitty (head coach Mike Smith) and the guys we have in there. It was the first time I had won a playoff game and hopefully coming back once more we can take it one step further."

The all-time leading receiver among tight ends and second only to Jerry Rice in all-time receptions with 1,242, Gonzalez insists he thought his mind was made up in the other direction and was well on his way to a happy post-NFL career. But the lure of getting to his first Super Bowl seemed too close to pass up.

Last season, Gonzalez had one of his most productive in recent years hauling in 93 passes and eight TDs — two more TDs coming in the postseason. The Falcons fell to the 49ers in the NFC Championship Game. Gonzalez walked through the tunnel and waved to fans giving him a standing ovation for what he thought was his final time.

"I am coming back for one reason and one reason only, the chance to win a Super Bowl." he said.



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Registration is open for the 28th Annual Aruba Half-Marathon



Monique Kuiperi, Junior Dake and Annie Dirksz

-- The annual Aruba Half-Marathon will be taking place this coming Sunday, March 17, one of the most exciting events associated with the island's National Day, March 18. The walk/run takes place every year, beginning just before sunrise at 5:30, departing from the Joe Laveist Sportpark in San Nicolas.

Traversing the length of the island, along the 1A, the finish line is in the parking lot of the

Alhambra Casino and Shopping Mall by the Eagle Beach area for a total of 21 km. At the finish line there will be two stations for media and photographers as to not interfere with the runners. Representing the casino, Sales Manager Annie Dirkz confirmed the continuing support of Divi Properties and Alhambra Casino as the major sponsor of this event.

Monique Kuiperi, Director

of IBISA, the government agency organizing and conducting the run, informed island media they expect up more than 700 runners from the U.S., Europe, Aruba, and the region. Cash prizes and trophies attract top runners. They usually start crossing the finish line at approximately 6:30 AM.

Registration opened this past Sunday, March 10. Runners can inscribe and collect their numbers at the IBISA office (former IDE-FRE office) on the second level of the Certified Megamall in Oranjestad. Sue Ann Lyon will be handling the administration for the race. The offices will stay open during lunch hours this week to accommodate runners wishing to register for the event.

Juan (Junior) Dake, advised motorists to be aware the main highway will be closed in areas as the main body of runners progresses down the highway. If needing to commute in the morning during



barefoot runner

the hours of the race, an alternate route is suggest. The race is designated to be finish in three hours, the road will not be closed for stragglers, and the entire thruway will not be closed for the entire time. IBISA volunteers will be posted regularly along the route with water. It is a tradition to have showers and



finish line

masseuses available at the finish line to refresh runners and massage cramped legs.

Prizes are awarded for Men's and Women's Overall Winners, which are the first two over the finish line, the first three over the finish line overall, and top three in various age groups, male and fe-

